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The National Association of Broadcasters, like the Recording Industry of America, is afraid of competition and change. And, that is exactly what XM is: a change in competition. No longer is the competition a local FM station, rather it is a satellite service which provides nothing but music, information, and entertainment. I will be heading down to south Carolina, from New York, this summer. With a regular radio antenna, I would normally have to search for a radio station I enjoy listening to as I cross state lines; however, with XM Satellite Radio, I can keep the dial on Top Tracks and keep myself constantly entertained.

But, besides entertainment, I like to know what's going on, and what I can expect. With XM, I don't need to try and find a local CNN, or ESPN affiliate station, I just keep my receiver tuned to channel 122 or 140, and I have a constant feed of programming, instead of trying to change the radio station, while the car is at speeds in excess of 65 miles per hour, which means it has the potential to be safer than normal radio.

Of course, with "normal" radio, as I cross from state to state (or even city to city), I need to find a different station that broadcasts the local, or predicted weather, as well as the traffic conditions. XM solves that problem by grouping their Instant Weather and Traffic reports in the same channel spectrum range. With one or two changes to the dial, I can find out the information for the area I want to hear about; for example, if I'm traveling from New York to South Carolina, and I'm in Virginia, I don't want a weather report for Virginia, I want the report for South Carolina, my destination. Local radio stations can never offer me this excellent service.

And that is my point in its entirety - local radio stations cannot offer me the service I want, and XM Satellite Radio does. The NAB, like the king of a rebellious kingdom, is an old monolithic way of thought, trying to stamp out competition and keep their throne. In their quest to keep their power, they ignore the cries of the people - consumers like me - who want, and willingly pay, for this service.

XM was the first to offer this service, and the NAB cannot offer it. So, instead of even attempting to offer something else the consumer would like, they try to stamp out a good service with their legal arm.